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FOR:	HARDMASK/BARRIER LAYER FOR DRY ETCHING CHROME FILMS AND IMPROVING POST DEVELOP RESIST PROFILES ON PHOTOMASKS			

AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 312

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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Notice of Allowance mailed May 18, 2004, please amend the application as described below.